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Serial No. 09/548,522
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## FILING UNDER 37 CFR § 1.53(b)

This is a request for filing for a						
☐ continuation ☐ divisional ☐ continuation-in-part (CIP)						
application under 37 CFR § 1.53(b) of pending prior application Serial No. <u>09/548,522</u> filed on <u>April 13, 2000</u> , which will issue as U.S. Patent No. <u>USPatentNo</u> on <u>IssueDate</u> , by						
Jing Cheng et al., entitled:						
CHANNEL-LESS SEPARATION OF BIOPARTICLES ON A BIOELECTRONIC CHIP BY DIELECTROPHORESIS						
<u>For CONTINUATION or DIVISION APPS only</u> : The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied, referenced above, is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference. The incorporation <u>can only</u> be relied upon when a portion has been inadvertently omitted from the submitted application parts.						
I. APPLICATION ELEMENTS ENCLOSED						
CERTIFICATE OF MAILING						
I hereby certify that this paper (along with any referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being deposited with the United States Postal Service on the date shown below with sufficient postage as 'Express Mail Post Office To Addressee' in an envelope addresse to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.  EL496950924US  Express Mail Label No.  Adriana Mojarro  Name of Person Mailing Paper  July 13, 2001  Date of Deposit  Signature of Person Mailing Paper						

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	Assignment papers (cover sheet and documents(s))									
	An Information Disclosure Statement, PTO 1449, With copies of cited items.									
		Request and Certification form PTO/SB/35	1 under 35	5 U.S.	C. § 1	122(1	b)(2)	(B)(i)	. Applican	t must attach
• .	FEE (	CALCULATION								
	$\boxtimes$	Applicant claims small e	ntity statu	is und	er 37	CFF	R 1.2	7.		
•		BASIC FILING	G FEE:							\$710.00
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	Misc	. Filing Fees (Recordation	of Assign	nment	)					\$0.00
		TOTAL FEES	DUE HE	REW	ITH					\$355.00
	PRIORITY - 35 USC § 119									
	Priority of application Serial No filed on in <u>Country</u> is claimed under 35 USC § 119.									
	The certified copy has been filed in prior U.S. application Serial Noon									
		The certified copy will f	ollow.							
	AME	NDMENTS								
	Cancel in this application original Claims of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes if no new claims are added in a preliminary amendment.)									
	A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed. (Claims added by Amendment must be numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered original claim in the prior application.)									

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<b>v.</b>	RELA	ATE BACK - 35 USC § 120					
		Relate back information included in preliminary amendment or specification.					
	$\boxtimes$	Please amend the specification as follows:					
		This application is a continuation of copending U.S. Application No. 09/548,522, filed on April 13, 2000, which is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 09/016,596, filed on January 30, 1998, Patent No. 6,071,394, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application No. 08/709,358, filed on September 6, 1996, Patent No. 6,129,828.					
		With respect to the prior co-pending U.S. application from which this application claims benefit under 35 USC § 120, the inventor(s) in this application is (are) [37 CFR 1.53(b)(1)]:					
		the same.					
		less than those named in the prior application and it is requested that the following inventor(s) identified above for the prior application be deleted [see 37 CFR §§1.33(b) AND 1.63(d)(2)]:					
		[Name(s) of inventor(s) to be deleted]					
VI.	MET:	HOD OF PAYMENT OF FEES					
	$\boxtimes$	Attached is a check in the amount of \$355.00.					
		Charge Lyon & Lyon's Deposit Account No. 12-2475 in the amount of					
		Not attached. No filing fee is submitted. [This and the surcharge required by 37 CFR § 1.16(e) can be paid subsequently.]					
VII.	AUTI	HORIZATION TO CHARGE ADDITIONAL FEES					
	The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit Lyon & Lyon's Deposit Account No. 12-2475 for any over payment of fees and to charge the following additional fees by paper and during the entire pendency of this application to Deposit Account No. 12-2475						
	$\boxtimes$	37 CFR § 1.16 (Filing fees and excess claims fees)					
	$\boxtimes$	37 CFR § 1.17 (Application processing fees)					
		37 CFR § 1.21 (Assignment recordation fees)					
VIII.	POW	ER OF ATTORNEY & CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS					
	$\boxtimes$	The power appears in the original papers in the prior application.					
		The power does not appear in the original papers, but was filed on in prior application Serial No					
		A new power has been executed and is attached.					

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IX.	MAIN	NTENANCE OF CO-PENDENCY	OF PR	IOR APPLICATION					
		A petition, fee and response has been filed to extend the term in the pending <b>prior</b> application until A copy of the petition for extension of time in the <b>prior</b> application is attached.							
		<u> </u>		e is being filed in the pending <b>prior</b> tion for extension of time in the <b>prior</b>					
<b>X.</b>	ABAN	NDONMENT OF PRIOR APPLIC	CATION	T					
		or when the petition for extension and when this application is grante	of time of d a filing a. At the	me while the prior application is pending or to revive in that application is granted g date so as to make this application cosame time, please add the words "now fication set forth in Item V above.					
				Respectfully submitted,					
				LYON & LYON LLP					
Dated	: <u>July 1</u>	3, 2001	By: <u> </u>	Polaphat Veravanich Reg. No. 45,179					
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		nt and General Counsel n authorized to sign on behalf of ass	ignee						

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